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Nationally, an estimated 1.07 million people a year attempt suicide and approximately 43,000 of them succeed. A suicide attempt takes place every 30 seconds. While males are 4 times more likely than females to die by suicide, females attempt suicide three times as often as males. Since the middle of last century, the suicide rates among young people have also risen by 200%.

In Los Angeles County, the 779 deaths a year by suicide surpass the unintentional drug overdoses, motor vehicle crashes and homicides. Every day, approximately 17 residents are treated in the ER and 11 are hospitalized after a suicide attempt. Approximately two Los Angeles County residents die by suicide every day.

Suicide awareness is important because it reminds us about the vital need to increase education and resources, as well as improve responsiveness to help prevent and reduce the rates of premature deaths due to suicides.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaims September 2016 as National Suicide Prevention Month, to increase awareness and prevention of the suicide deaths in Los Angeles County.

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